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## PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PLAN

### INTRODUCTION

#### Overview of The Public Participation Plan

This *Public Participation Plan* (Plan), developed by Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology), is for the Priceless Gas Site (Site) located at 1110 Morgan Street in the City of Davenport, Lincoln County, Washington. Petroleum contaminants have been found in the soil and groundwater at the Site resulting in necessary investigative and cleanup actions.

The Plan complies with the Washington State Model Toxics Act (MTCA) regulations (Chapter 173-340-600 WAC) and outlines proposed public participation for the Priceless Gas Site through the final stages of Site cleanup. The purpose of the Plan is to promote public understanding of the Washington Department of Ecology's responsibilities, planning activities, and cleanup activities at hazardous waste sites. It also serves as a way of gathering information from the public that will help Ecology implement cleanup activities at the Site that are protective of human health and the environment. The Plan will help the community of Davenport to be informed regarding Site cleanup activities and contribute to the decision making process.

Documents relating to the cleanup may be reviewed at the repositories listed on page 8 of this Plan. If individuals are interested in knowing more about the Site or have comments regarding the *Public Participation Plan*, please contact one of the individuals listed below:

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## Public Participation and the Model Toxics Control Act

The Model Toxics Control Act (MTC A) is a “citizen-mandated” law that became effective in 1989 (and recently amended in 2001) to provide guidelines for the clean up of contaminated sites in Washington State. This law sets up strict standards to make sure the clean up of sites is protective of human health and the environment. The Department of Ecology’s Toxic Cleanup Program investigates reports of contamination that may threaten human health or the environment. If an investigation confirms the presence of contaminants, the site is ranked and placed on a Hazardous Sites List. Current or former owner(s) or operator(s), as well as any other potentially liable persons (PLPs), of a site may be held responsible for cleanup of contamination according to the standards set under MTC A. The PLPs are notified by Ecology that their site has contaminants and the process of cleanup begins with Ecology implementing and overseeing the project.

Public participation is an important part of the MTC A process during cleanup of sites. A ***Public Participation Plan*** is required to encourage community awareness and public involvement from the beginning to the final stages of cleanup. The participation needs are assessed at each site, with regard to the level of interest by the public and degree of risk posed by contaminants. Individuals who live near the site, community groups, businesses, organizations and other interested parties are provided an opportunity to become involved in commenting on the cleanup process. The ***Public Participation Plan*** includes requirements for public notice such as: identifying reports on the site and repositories where they may be read; providing public comment periods; and holding public meetings or hearings. Other forms of participation may be interviews, citizen advisory groups, questionnaires, or workshops. Additionally, citizen groups living near contaminated sites may apply for public participation grants to receive technical assistance in understanding the cleanup process and to create additional public participation avenues.

Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) prepared this ***Public Participation Plan*** for the Priceless Gas Site and maintains responsibility for public participation at the Site.

## SITE BACKGROUND

### Site Description and History

The Priceless Gas Site is located at 1110 Morgan Street in the City of Davenport, Lincoln County, Washington. The Site’s southern boundary is Morgan Street (Highway 2) and 11th Street forms the eastern boundary (See Site Map on Page 3). Priceless Gas was operated as a retail gas station until June 1998 when four underground storage tanks (UST) on Site were temporarily closed.

Figure 1  
Priceless Gas Site Map